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Attorney's Docket No. 44646/214160

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Harris et al.

Filed:

Concurrently Herewith

For:

DEGRADABLE HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL POLY(ETHYLENE

GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND GELS AND CONJUGATES

DERIVED THEREFROM

April 2, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on line 3, page 1 to read as follows:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/226,341, filed January 6, 1999, which is related to commonly owned copending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/070,680, filed January 7, 1998, incorporated by reference in its entirety, and claims the benefit of its filing date under USC 119(e).

In The Claims:

Please delete Claims 22 through 25.